

the methylene blue and further wherein the mixture formed is within one of the containers in which the methylene blue or body fluid is initially stored under sterile conditions; and

irradiating the mixture with a light field of a suitable intensity and wavelength for activating the methylene blue for a time sufficient to inactivate viruses in the mixture, while maintaining the mixture under a substantially no flow condition within the container in which the mixture is formed.

29. The method of Claim 28 wherein the body fluid comprises a blood component.

30. The method of Claim 28 wherein the blood component is selected from the group consisting of: plasma, red blood cells, white blood cells, and platelets.

31. The method of Claim 28 wherein the container in which the mixture is formed is made of plastic.

32. The method of Claim 28 further comprising the step of: adding the methylene blue to the container in which the ^(b.n.b.c)body fluid is already stored.

33. The method of Claim 28 wherein the container in which the mixture is formed is made of a polyvinyl chloride material.

34. The method of Claim 28 further comprising the step of: adding the ^(b.n.b.c)body fluid to the container that contains methylene blue.